GROWING OLD.

You are growing old," they tell us, You are more alone," they tell us, Every year; You can win no new affection, You have only recollection, Deeper sorrows and dejection, Every year.

There come new cares and sorrows Every year; Darker days and darker morrows Every year; The ghost of dead loves haunt us, The ghosts of changed friends taunt us, And disappointments daunt us Every year.

Too true! Life's shores are shifting Every year; And we are seaward drifting Every year; Old places changing fret us, The living more forget us, There are fewer to regret us, Every year.

But the truer life draws nigher Every year; And the Morning Star climbs higher Every year; Earth's hold on us grows slighter, And the heavy burthen lighter, And the Dawn Immortal brighter, Every year.
-"Heaven's Distant Lamps."



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CHAPTER VIII.—CONTINUED.

A grewsome sight those sailors had presented when called up for sentence in the morning, and a remorseful quartette they proved. Moreover, to the consul general, who had been called in in the interest of fair play for Jack, they declared that they were innocent of all evil intent. They only went in for a little fun with the soldiers. It was that San Francisco fellow who called himself Spence when he was sober and Sackett when he got drunk who brought on the row and then abandoned-them to their fate. He had owned that he "had it in" for soldiers in generalhated the whole gang of them and wanted to see them well licked. He had plenty of money and would pay

They had no money and were confronted with the probability of a month's labor with the "chain gang" on the public roads if the consul gen- time consciousness had fled, and, amiable official had gone out to the flotilla and had a talk with the Coloheroes of the billiard room battle, with the result that everybody agreed culprit in the check suit, and the sailors got off with a nominal fine and went home to nurse their bruises the Miowera if they could

All this Stuyvesant was pondering over as, after stopping to leave his down Fort street on his way to the incoming steamer had attracted his attention as he left the consul gen- pose. Murray could not be found. eral's to make one more call, and at the club he heard some one say the would sail for Australia in the morn-

The sky, that had been so cloudless early in the evening, became somewhat overcast by 11, and the moonlight was dim and vague as he reached the landing.

In his several trips to and from the transport it happened that he had fallen frequently into the hands of a bright Kanaka boatboy whose admirable rowing and handling of the boat had pleased and interested him. "Be ready to take me out about 11:30," he had told him, and now

where was he?

Several officers and soldiers were there bargaining with the boatmen, and three or four of these amphibious Hawaiians precipitated themselves on Stuyvesant with appeals for a job, but he asked for Joe.

"Him gone," was the answer of an eager rival. "Him other job;" but even as they would have persuaded Stuyvesant that Joe was not to be had and his selection must be one of their number, Joe himself came running from the direction of a ware. house a short pistol shot away.

"What kept you, Joe?" asked Stuyvesant, as the light boat danced away

"Teller want me take him outside Miowera," "as the answer; "him behind warehouse."

"The deuce you say!" exclaimed Stuyvesant, turning about in the stern sheets and razing back to shore. "Are the anding stairs at nest, kind-hearted young women, for the warehouse, and is he waiting for the attendant, scenting the possible of camp hospitals were doubtless you there?"

"Huh," nodded Joe. "Then here," said Stuyvesant, glanisfaction that the luminary was behind a thick bank of clouds. "Turn back and row to the warehouse steps. I went to look at that fellow." So saying, he quickly threw off his uniform coat with its gleaming shoulder forage cap under the seat and sat bareheaded and in his shirt sleeves.

Obedient to Joe's powerful strokes the little boat was speedily gliding San Francisco within a day or two of who presumed to point out to the ofin among the sha lows of the sailing his coming. ships moored along the quay, and presently her stern was swung round was his explanation to the doctor. grateful for such dainties for the into a flight of stone steps, and Stuyvesant bounded ashore. Over at the eral officers from the transport got spectacle of scores of lusty, hearty boat landing the electric lights were gleaming and the sound of many ters at the Hawaiian. The rooms of the Red Cross, to the neglect of soices chaffering over boat fares was above had to be given to them, and their own simple but sufficient raheard. Here among the sheds and their resounding footsteps made him tions, prompted the query as to what warehouses all was silence and dark- wince. ness, but Stuyvesant unhesitatingly | "There's two ladies to take this Cross when they got into the field with a grin.-Answers.

big building and into the blackness and left in search of the skulker who dared not come to the open the Australian steamer.

For a moment he could distinguish no living object, then paused to listen, and within ten seconds was rebetween him and a low shed to his sharply, Stuyvesant made a spring, and the next instant had grappled was dragging it, despite furious resistance, towards the light.

he was not gaining ground and that cape him. He lifted up his voice in a room reclined the languid patient. mighty shout:

"Police! Police! This way!" stinging pain in the right side-another-another; and earth and sky reeled as his grasp relaxed, and with on the dock.

CHAPTER IX.

third expedition had coaled at Honolulu and gone on its way. More transports were coming, and still 'twixt life and death-Vinton's stricken aid-de-camp, Lieut. Stuyvesant.

Of his brutal antagonist no trace had been found. The shrill cries of tip-toed to his side and bent his ear the Kanaka boatboy, supplementing and looked puzzled, perturbed, but the young officer's stentorian shout for the police, had brought two or thinking it all over, he "guessed" he three Hawaiian star bearers and club would rather stay where he was. wielders to the scene of that fierce and well-nigh fata. struggle. All they found was the gallant victim wriththeir fines if the police "ran them pressed to his side and covered with veranda, Lieut. Ray, that Mr. Stuyin," and now had left them in the the blood that poured from his wounds.

It was half an hour before a surgeon reached them, rowed in with the ly ceased. general from the Vanguard. By that eral couldn't get them off. So that through loss of the vital fluid, Stuy- springy, soldierly step coming in the vesant's pulse was well-nigh gone. They bore him to the Royal Hawaiian, Ray, with outstretched hand, and the rado officers and the three brawny where a cool and comfortable room attendant, following and peering over per Congo basin, has abandoned the could be had, and there, early on the his shoulder, marveled at the sudden station of Kululn, which it had estab following morning, and to the care change that had come over his mas- lished on Lake Moero. Though a to heap all the blame on the vanished of local physicians, the general was ter. compelled to leave him.

and their wrath against Spence, alias corner of the Miowera, and without Cross nurses en route to Manila were lions. It was therefore decided to Sackett. That fellow shouldn't get result. Murray, alias Spence, alias warned to rejoin the ship, Lieut. seek another location. Quite a num-Sackett, fugitive from justice, could Stuvvesant "shook," so to speak, his ber of natives in the service of the bunkers, in which event the stokers voyage was all he needed to make a dragged into the jungle and eaten. P. P. C. at the Pacific club, he strolled promised he should be shoveled into new man of him and was carried boat landing. The big whistle of an Every sailors' lodging house in the airy stateroom on the upper deck, reach of the howling beasts beneath town was ransacked, but to no pur-

For a fortnight Stuyvesant's fate was in doubt. Officers of the third Miowera had reached her dock and expedition could carry with them to Manila only the hope that he might recover. Not until the ships of the fourth flotilla were sighted was the doctor able to say that the chances were now decidedly in his favor.

> He was lifted into a reclining chair the day of the flag raising-that pathetic ceremony in which, through tear-dimmed eyes, the people saw their old and much-loved emblem supplanted by the stars and stripes of their new hope and aspirations. He was sitting up, languid, pallid and grievously thin, when the tidings reached him that the transport with six troops of the -th cavalry, among others, had arrived, and the doctor, with a quizzical grin on his genial face, informed his patient that some Red Cross nurses were with the command, and that two very nice-looking young women, in their official caps, aprons and badges, were at that moment inquiring at the office if they could not see the invalid officer and be of some service to him.

Sore in body and spirit, wrathful at the fate that robbed him of a share of the glory he felt sure awaited his comrades at Manila, Stuyvesant was in no humor for a joke, and plainly showed it. He gave it distinctly to be understood that he needed no coddling of any kind and preferred not to see the ladies, no matter what they belonged to. Not to put too fine a point upon it, Mr. Stuyvesant said he didn't "wish to be bothered," and this was practically the reply that reached two very earloss of a big fee if he should be sup- very trying. Women of gentlest birth planted by superior attractions, communicated the invalid's exact words its badge and dress and wrought in cing moonward and noting with sat- to the Red Cross nurses, and they went back, wounded, to their ship.

Stuyvesant's room was on the spired such sacrifice. ground floor in one of the outlying cottages and its Venetian blinds opened on the broad and breezy veranda. It was far more quiet and tables; but there were military magstraps and collar device, stowed his retired than apartments in the main nates and martinets who dared to building, the rooms overhead being vacant and the occupants of that ration for the stern scenes of camwhich adjoined his having left for paigning ahead of the volunteers, and

> "So don't let anybody in." But sevleave to come ashore and take quar- young heroes feasting at the tables

strode straight to the corner of the next-door room," said his garrulous and couldn't have cake and rie and attendant that afternoon, and Stuy- cream with their coffee. of the westward side, peering right | vesant thought opprobrious things. "They'll be giggling and talking all dock, yet sought means of reaching ly, when the "medico" came in late The Red Cross had done such wide-

me, if you can't them." warded. Somewhere close at hand that amiable Boniface. "If Mr. Stuy- of the government to send out to left there was the sound of sudden up one flight I can give him a larger, of every possible kind, but dozens of collision and a muttered oath. Some airier room with bath attached, its members to serve as nurses to invisible body had bumped against where he'll be entirely isolated. It the sick and wounded, it scored a trisome invisible box, and, turning was too expensive for our visitors umph over rival organizations, notafrom the transports, but-I believe bly the Patriotic Daughters of Ameryou said Mr. Stuyvesant-wouldn't with some burly, powerful form and mind"—a tentative at which the doc- Miss Perkins, first bombarded the tor looked wise and sagely winked.

When that able practitioner re-He was conscious of the sickening turned to the cottage two young odor of sour whisky, of a volley of women with Red Cross badges were mad threats and imprecations, of a seated on the veranda, just in from in person on the same officers to destinging blow in the face that only a drive, apparently, and a little darkserved to make him cling the tighter eyed chap in the uniform of a subto his prisoner. Then, as they swayed altern of the cavalry was with them. and struggled to and fro, he felt that | They had drawn their chairs into the shade and close to the Venetian this unseen ruffian might after all es- blinds, behind which in his darkened

"That will drive him simply rabid," said the doctor to himself, and pre-Then he heard a savage oath, a pared a professional smile with which sputtering, savage "Let go, d-n to tell the glad tidings that he should your soul!" and then felt a sharp, be borne forthwith to higher regions. He had left Stuyvesant peevish, fretful, but otherwise inert, asking only to be spared from intrusion. He a moan of anguish he sank fainting found him alert, intent, eager-his eyes kindling, his cheeks almost flushing. The instant the doctor began to speak the patient checked him Vinton's fleet reached Manila. A and bent his ear to the sound of soft voices and laughter from without.

"I've fixed it all," whispered the medical man, reassuringly. there lingered in this lovely land of move you in a minute-just as soon sun and flowers-lingered for a time as I can call in another man or two," and he started for the door, whereat his erratic patient again uplifted a hand and beckoned, and the doctor finally pleased. Stuyvesant said that,

And then, when the doctor was gone, what did he do but take a brace in his chair and bid the attendant go ing in pain upon the dock, his hand out and say to the officer on the vesant would be very glad to speak with him if he'd be so kind as to come in, whereat the soft laughter sudden-

> There was a sound of light footsteps going in one direction and a Then entered Mr. Sanford other.

Three days later, when the City of ed in making this station a large and With the brakeman to aid them, Sacramento was pronounced ready to desirable post the region around it the police searched every nook and proceed and the officers and Red became infested with man-eating not be aboard that ship unless he civil physician, persuaded the army state were killed by these lions withhad burrowed beneath the coal in the surgeons with the fleet that a sea in a few weeks. The victims were the furnace as soon as discovered. aboard the Sacramento and given an climbing trees, thus getting out of



HE FELT A SHARP, STINGING PAIN IN THE SIDE.

vacated in his favor by one of the ship's officers - consideration not made public, but Claus Spreckles & Co., bankers, had never before received such a deposit from this very able seaman in all the years he had been sailing or steaming in and out of Honolulu harbor.

And now retribution overtook the invalid. The Red Cross had made a marvelous name for itself in San Francisco and was already organized and doing wonders at Honolulu. Its ministrations had been gladly accepted by the scores of officers and men among the volunteers, to whom the somewhat bare and crude conditions and most refined associations donned ward, kitchen or refectory. It was a noble and patriotic purpose that in-

It was a joy to the embryo soldiery to be fed and comforted day by day with the delicacies of the Red Cross question the wisdom of such prepaficers of this great and far-reaching "I feel too forlorn to see anybody," | charity that, while they were most valids of their command, the daily the boys would do without the Red hindquarters, yer honor," said Paidy,

The Red Cross, very properly, took umbrage at such suggestions and night, I suppose," said he, disgusted- branded the suggestors as horrid. that afternoon. "I wish you'd move spread good and was ready to do se much more that criticism of its meth-The doctor went and consulted the ods was well-nigh unbearable. And head of the house. "Certainly," said now that it had obtained the sanction vesant is well enough to be carried Manila not only supplies and dainties ica, whose vice president, the austere papers in vain protest and denuncia tion, the Red Cross being her main objective, and with abuse of the commanding officers in camp; then called mand transportation to Manila with the next expedition.

The Red Cross held its head very high, and with reason. It ruffled its feathers and resented any slight. It sometimes mistook courteous protest against its lavish gifts to such soldiers as were in no wise needy as vicious and unhallowed criticism, and occasionally - only occasionally - it grievously enlarged and exaggerated alleged slights received at the hands of luckless officials. And then even those soft and shapely hands could develop catlike claws and the soothing voices take on an acid and scath. ing intonation, and the eyes, so ready to moisten with pity and sympathy at the sight of suffering, could shoot spiteful little fires at the objects of such divine displeasure, and poor Stuyvesant's petulant words, wrung from him in a moment of exasperation and never intended to reach the fair band of sisters of the cross, were piled high with additions, impolitice impolite, discourteous, impudent, intolerable-yes, even profane and blas-

Eleven of the twelve Red Cross nurses, packed three in a room aboard the Sacramento, swore they would not have anything to do with Mr. Stuyvesant. The twelfth, the one soldier's daughter in the band, said nothing at all.

[To Be Continued.]

MAN-EATING LIONS.

The Belgians Abandon One of Their Stations on Account of Them.

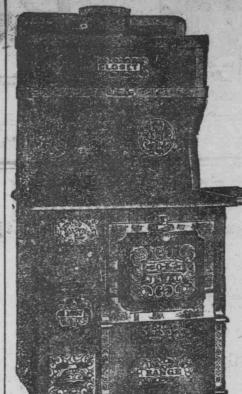
The Katanga company, which is developing the rubber and other resources of a large district in the upgreat deal of labor has been expend-Many men saved their lives only by them. Everywhere along the paths and brooks the lions lay in wait for ready for the fatal spring, says an

eastern exchange. A man-eating lion is one that has and therefore will eat nothing else Dieting unnecessary. Pleasant to take, if it is able to kill man, woman or child. In the past three years it has been more than usually in evidence in East Africa between Victoria Nyanza and the Indian ocean. The maneaters killed many natives and also a considerable number of laborers or the Uganda railroad. They filled the thousands of Indian and black la borers with such terror that the merfinally refused to work until all the

lions had been killed. When man-eating lions come to the neighborhood of human habitations one of two things must be done safe there for a moment, or else they must kill every lion of the man-eat ing type that has come into their dis trict. It is fortunate that lions of this type are comparatively few ir number. If all lions were man-eat ers Africa would become uninhabits ble, unless the world organized a gi gantic lion hunt to wipe the whole species out of existence.

Lincoln's Father as a Boy. Thomas Lincoln, the father of Abraham Lincoln, was a great story teller and one yarn that he never tired of rehearsing was a blood-curdling Indian tale. One day, when he was about seven or eight years old and living in Kentucky, he was sitting on a fence watching his father and older brothers at work in the field. Without a moment's warning a small band of Indians came rushing by on horseback. One of them, with a sweep of his long arm, seized the lad and galloped off. Little Tommy Lincoln looked up into the red warrior's face and said: "Don't kill me. Take me a prisoner." The Indian smiled. Just then a rifle cracked. Indian and boy tumbled off the horse, the Indian dead, with a bullet in his brain. Tommy Lincoln's brother had come to the rescue.-Argonaut.

Orders from Headquarters. An Irish recruit in one of his may esty's riding schools had the misfor tune to part company with his horse According to custom, the sergeant strode up to lim and demanded: "Dit you receive orders to dismount?" "] did, sorr." "Where from?" "From



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